

3” Blackout Pocket and Track System Installation Guide Preliminary Document

Caution: Your shades must be made specifically for use with this black out pocket and channel system. Special deductions are made to the shade assembly to ensure it fits properly in the pocket and channels. You can not use standard shade construction with this system. www.AV-Outlet.com sells the blackout components and does make shades to fit this system.

Overview: The goal of this document is to provide installation guidelines for cutting and installation of the 3” Pocket with side channels for use with motorized LT30 or ST30 shade systems. The ST50 motors are and chain/clutch systems are not compatible with the 3” pocket and side channels. The 3” Pocket system is not recommended for reverse roll applications. The major difference between the instructions for 3” pockets and 4” / 6” pockets is that for the 3” pockets the pocket closure needs to be notched. Also, depending on the motor used, different motor brackets may be used for the 4” and 6” pockets.

The Components

- A) [3”, 4” or 6” Pocket](#)
- B) [Pocket Closure](#)
- C) [Pocket End Plates](#)
- D) [2 Piece Side Channel](#) that snaps together
 - The piece that looks more like a [“J” shape is normally called the “Front” Piece](#).
 - The piece that looks more like an [“L” is normally called the “Back” Piece](#).
- E) [Bottom Channel](#)
- F) Motor Brackets – LT30 and ST30 Motors will use [RB360](#) type Brackets.
- G) [Light Blocking Brush](#)
- H) Appropriate Screws for installation – We do not recommend rivets.

Vital Component Measurements

Note: Check the dimensions on the received pieces to ensure the MFG did not make any unforeseen changes to the design.

- 3” Pocket: 3.10” H x 3.525” D Outside Dimension
- 3” Pocket: 3.10” Internal open area at bottom of pocket
- 3” Pocket End Plate: 0.075” Thick
- Side Channel Assembled: 2.35” W x 1.22” D Outside Dimension

Deductions - 3” Pocket - Off-Site Cutting - Inside Frame Mount

Note: Where possible we recommend cutting onsite to ensure the best fit.

Pocket Length with End Plates – Subtract 0.150” from mounting width
Pocket Length without End Plates – Cut to Mounting Width
Bottom Closure with End Plates – Subtract 0.215” from mounting width
Bottom Closure without End Plates – Subtract 1/16” or 0.0625” from Mounting Width
Notch Bottom Closure – Cut off Light Blocking brush Channel 2 3/8” from each end
Back L Shaped Side Channel – Window Frame Height minus 3.10” (Pocket Height)
Front J Shaped Side Channel – Window Frame Height minus 2.85”
Bottom Channel – Window Frame Bottom Width minus 2”

Installation and Cutting - 3” Pocket - On-Site Cutting - Inside Frame Mount

- 1) Measure mounting area width – This must be at the top of the window area
- 2) Cut Pocket to length
 - a. With End Plates - Subtract 0.150” from mounting space width for a tight fit.

- b. Without end plates - Cut the pocket to same length as the width of the mounting space.
- 3) Install Pocket Into window frame - With or Without End Plates
- a. Center the RB360 brackets in the inside top of the pocket and flush with the ends end. You can not mount the brackets to the front or back of the pocket because the shade will not be centered.
 - i. Outside Frame Mount – We recommend countersinking the screw holes in the top surface and using a screw and nut.
 - b. Mark the mounting holes for the brackets drill for appropriately sized screws. **Note:** Make sure you have the brackets properly orientated or the holes will be in the wrong spots.
 - c. Mark and drill additional holes to be used to attach pocket to the window frame
 - d. Makes any holes necessary for power supply wires or brackets. We actually Velcro attach the battery wands to the bottom closure. This seems to be most convenient.
 - e. Attach Shade Brackets and ensure they are flush with the ends of the pocket.
 - f. Attach Pocket End Plates if being used.
 - g. Install and secure pocket to the frame using appropriate screws
 - h. Install Shade Brackets using appropriate screws

Comment: You might think attaching the brackets to the end plates might be better if you are using end plates but you may run into a problem if the assembly is not level. With the brackets mounted to the ceiling of the pocket you can shim the bracket heights incase you have material walk-off issues.



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- 4) Cut Pocket Closure to length
- a. With End Plates - Subtract 0.215" from the mounting space width
 - b. Without end plates – Subtract 0.0628" from the mounting space with.
- Comment:** The extra deduction with the bottom closure allows for easier installation and removal of the bottom closure for maintenance.

- 5) Notch Pocket Closure
 - a. Cut off the light blocking brush channel 2 3/8" in from both ends. This allows the side channels to fit up into the pocket.



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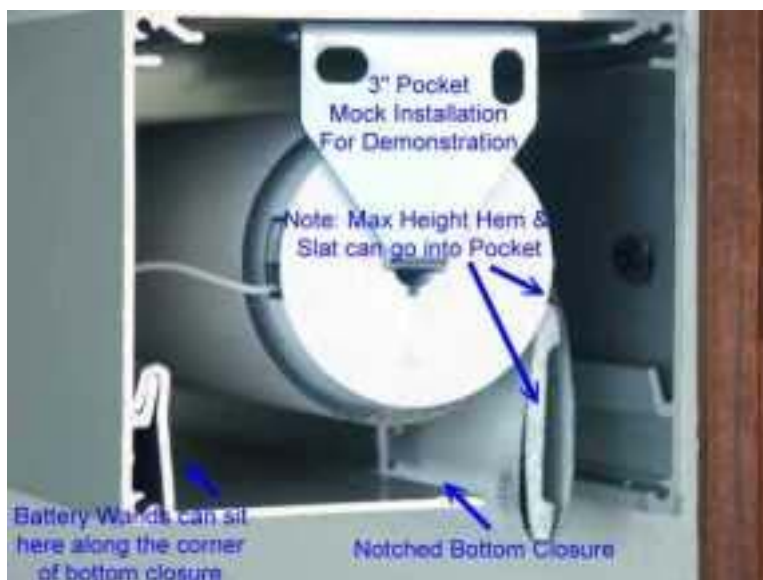
- 6) Install light blocking brush in the pocket closure to the length of the light blocking brush channel.
- 7) Install Shade Assembly. We recommend installing the shade assembly now. It will be easier with minimal obstructions. If using an LT30 motor, we recommend installing an extension cable for powering the motor. The head of the motor difficult to access once installed which will make attaching the power cord very difficult.
- 8) Power and program the shade. If you attached your battery wand to the bottom enclosure you will need to install the bottom closure so you can power the shade. We recommend programming now without the side channels and bottom channels fully installed because again we want minimal obstructions so you can more easily see what is happening. Refer to your motor programming instructions.

EXTREME CAUTION: Depending on the size of your shade there may be NOT enough space in the pocket to allow the hem and slat to rotate over the tube. If you go too high while adjusting the shade limits you can damage your shade and motor!!!!

 - a. You can set the lower limit 3/4" off the bottom. This will provide adequate height to install the bottom channel without having the shade bottom out.
 - b. Operate the up and down a few times after programming is complete. Make sure the shade material does not roll off the tube to the left or the right. If your shade walks off to one side and you are having difficulty repositioning brackets you can use the following procedure to fix walk-off.

Fixing Material Walk-Off

- i. Note the direction of the shade material walk off. (Left or Right)
- ii. Roll the shade all of the way down.
- iii. Take a piece of paper, a business card is good, and place it in the roll on the end opposite the direction of the shade material walk off.
 1. If the shade walks off to the right put the paper on the left.
 2. If the shade walks off to the left put the paper on the right.
- iv. If the paper test fixes the problem replace the piece of paper with masking tape. 1 or two strips of masking tape may be required to emulate the paper thickness used for testing. When placing the tape in the roll be sure to place it far enough up the roll so it is not visible. If the assembly is motorized, the programmed limits may prevent full travel of the shade and you may need to reprogram the limits to allow for full travel.



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- 9) Cut "L" shaped side channel:
 - a. The "L" shaped piece to be used as the Back piece in a Standard Roll Installation. The "L" shaped piece used as the back will sit flush under the pocket not inside the pocket
 - b. Measure the height from the bottom of the pocket to window sill and cut to this length
- 10) Install light blocking brush in the "L" Shaped channel and allow it to overhang the top edge by 1". The extra brush extending into the pocket helps to guide the hem of the shade into the side channels
- 11) Install "L" Shaped channel in position. Drill and screw as necessary to ensure the channel piece is secure.
- 12) Cut "J" shaped side channel to be used as the front piece. This piece will sit up into the pocket app. 0.250".
 - a. Measure the height from the bottom of the pocket to window sill. Add 0.250" and cut to this length.
- 13) Install light blocking brush in the "J" Shaped channel and allow it to overhang the top edge by 1". The extra brush extending into the pocket helps to guide the hem of the shade into the side channels.
- 14) Snap the "J" shaped channel into the already mounted "L" shaped channel.



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- 15) Cut the bottom channel to the width window frame bottom minus 2".
- 16) Slide the bottom channel into the side channels. It will be a firm fit.



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- 17) Attach bottom closure and test installation with caution.
- 18) If you end up with light leaks you can use caulk or plumbers putty to fix gaps left by out of square window frames. The plumbers putty can be easily applied with your fingers and cleans up pretty easily.
- 19) Sometimes customers experience reflected light issues where the light is intense. We provide black adhesive backed fabric to address this problem. Identify where the reflected light is a problem. Cut the black fabric to be slightly oversized and apply to the area to be addresses. Trim excess with a razor.

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